(c) This project will have an approximate investment of Rs. 3700 lakhs and is expected to be completed by April, 1995.

Demand and production of Khadi

4955. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the estimated production of Khadi vis-a-vis its demand in the country in 1994-95;

(b) whether the demand of Khadi in foreign countries has increased in the recent past; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) In 1994-95, the estimated production of Khadi (cotton, woollen, silk and muslin) is approximately 110.80 million sq. mtrs. with the value of Rs. 400 crores. However, KVIC has not undertaken any study to ascertain the demand in the recent past.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The response for KVI products in exhibitions held in Ghana, Singapore, Dubai and London has been very encouraging. A number of offers have been received for taking up agency for selling KVI products abroad. There has also been an offer from a Non-Resident Indian for setting up Khadi Gramodyog Bhavan in London. KVIC is trying to boost exports by having tie-ups with FIEO, ITPO and large export houses.

Closure of industries

4956. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) how many large, medium and small scale industries in the Private Sector have applied for closure during the 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) how many of these have been identified as sick; and

(c) what is the number of labour force involved in these industries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Foreign exchange earned by BHEL

4957. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that BHEL achieved record sales and exports in the year 1993-94 which gives boost to the other public sector undertakings in the country; and

(b) if so, what is the total turn-over of BHEL for the year 1993-94 and what is the total foreign exchange earned by the BHEL by exporting the goods ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the unaudited results, the total turn-over and the foreign exchange earned during 1993-94 are Rs. 3530 crores and Rs. 845 crores respectively.

Problems of small scale industries

4958. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the small scale industries in the capital goods sector are suffering immensely due to poor offtaking by larger units and staggered deliveries by customers; and

(b) what action has been taken by Government to help the small scale industry.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) No instances have been brough to the notice of the Government regarding difficulties faced by small scale industries in the capital goods sector due to poor off take by larger units and staggered deliveries by customers.

(b) In order to give fillip to the indigenous capital goods industry and make them competitive, Government in its